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Good Words of Welcome,

She:kon Akwe:kon Tehwa:tatekon,

Congratulations to our new tribal Chief Mark Garrow. Nia:wen, Mark for offering this time in your life to serve as a Chief for our community. And congratulations to Sub-Chief Stacy Adams on her re-election. Nia:wen, Stacy for your commitment especially to our youth and elders. Congratulations are also in order for Corleen Jacco for her re-election as our Tribal Clerk; she is doing a tremendous job. Nia:wen to Corleen and her staff.

I was encouraged to see the positive vote on the referendum on the question for the Tribal Court to hear and decide land disputes. As a Chief, I found the duty to make decisions on land disputes was the most difficult part of the job.

As most everyone is aware, I have decided to retire from politics and, in doing so, want to mention for their help and advice, especially the ones who are no longer with us. Legislator Erma W. Moore, Chief Russell Lazore, Chief Charlie Terrance, Chief Speed and my dear friend, Tribal Clerk Carol Herne.

Nia:wen to the past legislators, chiefs and Tribal Clerks who were always there, whenever I sought their advice. Also to Tony Laughing for sharing his knowledge on gaming with me and Louisee (former Chief Lorraine White), as she was a dynamic partner and for working tirelessly for our community.

Nia:wen to all the staff for their hard work and dedication to our community and to my family for their support and patience.

Niawenko:wa to all my supporters; I lived off the Rez for 35 years, and not only did you all welcome me back, but elected me as your representative four times. I will always cherish the honor and confidence you bestowed upon me and the privilege of serving our community.

Ske:nan Tah:no Onen:kewa:he

Chief Barbara Lazore



Buy Locally, Strengthen Our Economy

*By: Steven B. Cook
Director of Economic Development*

While the world is experiencing a recession and government officials are desperately struggling to jump start the national economy, the economy within the community of Akwesasne remains vibrant and promising.

At last count, we have 344 businesses here in Akwesasne which employ many of our local residents and contributes to a strong and diversified economy. The offices of Economic Development are in the process of publishing a directory of local businesses. It will soon be at the printers and is expected to be available on or about July 1st, 2009.

Remember, each dollar you spend in Akwesasne is an investment in your own community and supports the many people employed in Akwesasne. When you purchase gas and the attendant says "thank you", he/she is really saying, "Thank you for buying locally" and "Thank you for my job." That same gas attendant may eat locally in a restaurant which again supports another Akwesasne business, which further supports the local economy and other employees within Akwesasne.

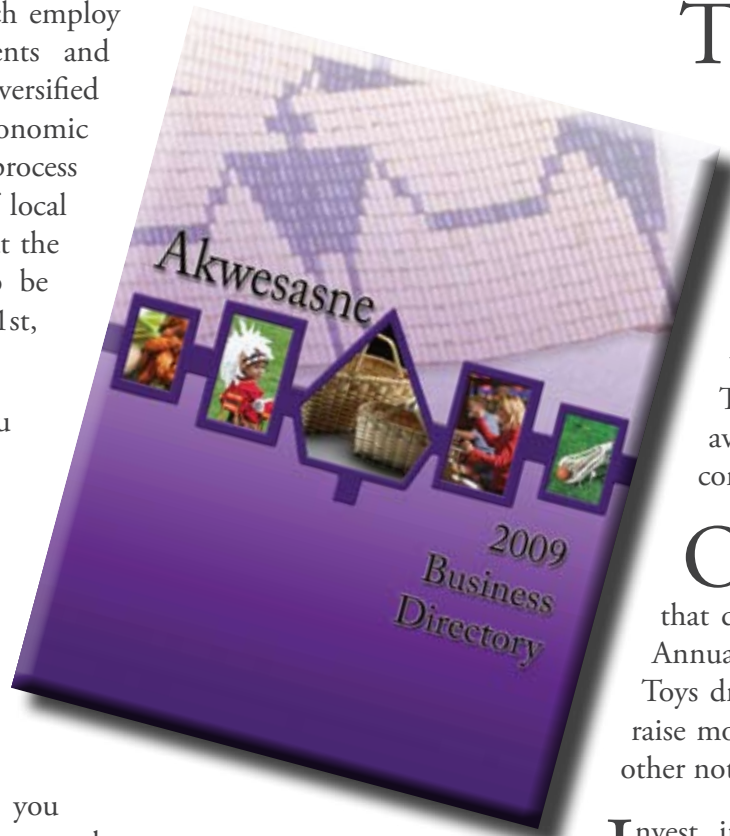
Food is a primary requirement of any family. The local IGA supermarket is there for your convenience and requires your support and patronage to survive in today's difficult economic environment with so much

competition. Buying from your local IGA will save you gas money which can be better utilized for other things for your family. To buy food elsewhere can threaten its success and you would be, in essence, supporting a larger corporate giant which does not support your own local economy or your people.

The local business retailers of Akwesasne appreciate your patronage and support. The local businesses provide many jobs for local residents and are contributing a portion of their profits to the Tribal General Fund (TGF) which help support many Tribal programs and services available to everyone in our community.

Our local business retailers are also the same people that donate heavily to each year's Annual Christmas Mountain of Toys drive and other campaigns to raise money for sporting events and other notable charities.

Invest in your community. Buy locally when and where possible. Explore your own backyard and see what hidden treasures can be purchased locally. Last but not least, you can sit back and know that you have generously invested in your community and can look forward to being provided personal service by the same smiling faces in 2010 because their jobs are made possible by your spending habits.



Beaver Dam Flooding

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By Sub-Chief Ron LaFrance

The spring has seen a lot of rain that is good for gardens, lawns and other forms of life that require it to live. Unfortunately, water can also lead to the destruction of a valuable resource that is getting harder and harder to find in Akwesasne -- land. The combination of water and a large rodent who, left unchecked, can create havoc to farmland or vacant agricultural area. That's right, we're talking about Beavers.

Earlier this month, Tony David, James Costello and I took a little canoe trip just to see how bad the problem was. We were amazed at the destructive power these animals possess. In some areas just off of Tarbell Road they have reclaimed large areas of land and turned into a swamp. We launched our canoe just off of the Mary Road, headed south for a way and then headed back to the Larry Jackson farm. Believe or not, this took us three hours to make the trip.

We collected data and GPSed some



locational points along the way to build a report that I presented to Tribal Council. Basically, the report said that the beavers were creating more harm than good for the environment in and around Tarbell Road. They have taken over prime real estate and land owners in the area are now having trouble reclaiming it.

In the coming weeks Tribal Council, along with Animal Control Officer Derek Comins, hopes to have a full time trapper on board to start reclaiming the areas the beavers have flooded. We realize that some areas are more concentrated than others, but it is our hope that through culling and monitoring, the landowners can reclaim their land.

Once a trapper has been hired, we will conduct community meetings to keep the community informed on what our intentions are. Your cooperation in this matter will help your neighbor and in the end help everyone affected by these buck-toothed animals.

Diabetes Center of Excellence Black Tie Fund Raising Event

*By Lorraine Thomas
Black Tie Event Chairperson*

In celebration of their 25th Anniversary, the Akwesasne Housing Authority is sponsoring a black tie event, Dancing through the Years, a fundraiser dinner and dance show to be held on Thursday, July 2, 2009. The event will be held at Jacobs Tobacco Company located at 344 Frogtown Road, Akwesasne and will begin at 5:00 PM. The benefit will kick off the 2009 funding campaign to contribute to the building fund for the Let's Get Healthy Program's Diabetes Center of Excellence.

"The Akwesasne Housing Authority is deeply proud to celebrate our 25th year serving our community by benefiting the Diabetes Center of Excellence," stated Retha Herne, Executive Director of the Akwesasne Housing Authority. "We chose this project because of the widespread effect that diabetes has and will have on our generations. Our wish is for Akwesasne to unite in determination on July 2nd to raise awareness and funds to combat this debilitating and potentially deadly disease."

The Let's Get Healthy Program has been forced to operate out of two separate locations due to lack of adequate space. The vision of Program Director, Mrs. Janine Rourke and her staff, is to one day move into a new facility that would house their entire program in one location in order to centralize educational programs and services that promote diabetes prevention and



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*Retha Herne, Executive Director
Akwesasne Housing Authority*

care. This vision encompasses a \$6.8 million budget for three phases of construction. Organizers hope that the event will not only help raise funds for the construction of the new building but will also evoke a sense of consciousness about diabetes and the effect it has on so many of our families.

“The reality of a Diabetes Center of Excellence Building becomes closer through grassroots community action. We continue the fight against diabetes every day through such organizations as the Akwesasne Garden Club, the Annual Golf Committee, the St. Regis Mohawk Health Services, the Diabetes Center of Excellence charter members and the St. Regis Mohawk Tribal leadership. Patients who receive diabetes care and diabetes prevention services through Mohawk Healthy Heart Project and the Diabetes Grant can continue their individual fight against diabetes,” said Janine Rourke, Director of the Let’s Get Healthy program.

The celebration will feature a formal dinner with a choice of chicken or prime rib. The dance show highlights dance eras from the “Roaring 20s” to today’s modern hip-hop, performed by local community volunteers. Magoo, of Magoo’s Dance Studio will also have a group performing and the Raquette City Dance group, performing



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Program*

to hits like Single Ladies. The band, Souled, will be performing along with DJ Jared Gray. In addition, “Elvis,” a local impersonator, will be serenading guests with a few top numbers and is a must-see! To round out the evening, a silent and public auction will be held.

Bring your family and tell your friends to join us at this event! Tickets can be purchased at the Akwesasne Housing Authority office, Monday thru Friday from 8am – 5pm. Cost of tickets is \$50 for individuals and \$85 for couples.

Organizers are seeking donations to this worthy cause such as: gift certificates, items for the public auction, the silent auction, discount coupons, or anything else you would be willing to give. Please contact the AHA office at 518-358-9020 for more information. All donations will be gladly accepted.



Giving Back



Funeral Donations	\$ 0.00
Community Assistance	1,000.00
Sports Team	0.00
Golf Tournament Sponsorship	300.00
Annual Donations: None	0.00

On The Road

Chief Barbara Lazore was in Verona, NY from May 17-19, 2009 for a Wellness Conference.

Chief James Ransom was in Las Vegas, NV May 11-15, 2009 for a Native American Finance Conference and in Ithaca, NY from May 18-21, 2009 for a presentation: Beyond Diversity Re: Situating Pluralism.

Chief Monica Jacobs and Sub-Chief Pam Brown attended the United Southern and Eastern Tribes meeting in Marksville, Louisiana from May 9-14, 2009. They also attended training on Fee Into Trust in Albuquerque, New Mexico from May 18 to 23, 2009.

Chief Monica Jacobs traveled to Washington, DC from May 26-30, 2009 for the National Child Welfare Evaluation Summit.

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Calendar

Obiarihko:wa / July

1st - Inauguration Ceremony - Community Building

2nd - *Dancing Through the Years* - Black Tie Event - 5 pm - Jacobs Tobacco

3rd - Independence Day - Tribal Offices Closed, Transfer Station Open

4th - Transfer Station Closed

9th - Akwesasne Employment Resource Center - Ribbon Cutting Ceremony and Open House

11th - Tribal Monthly Meeting - 10 am - Community Building

19th - PBS Native American Series - 1 pm - *Maria Tallchief*

New Faces

Jade Gabri

Matthew D. Hemlock

Cherie Murray

Samantha Phillips

Todd Robinson

Allen Smoke

Emily A. Tarbell

Allan F. Terrance

Charlene White

Environment

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Early Childhood Development

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Home Improvement Program

Human Services - Family Support

IHS - Partridge House

Seniors

Air Quality Intern

Laborer

Substitute

Administrative Assistant

Habilitation Aide

Laborer

Habilitation Aide

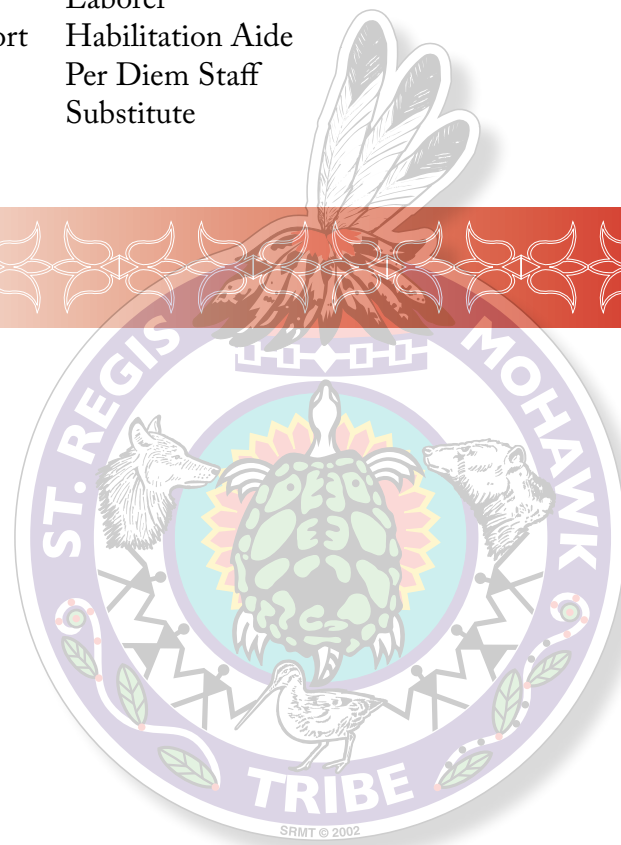
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Substitute

Jobs

- **Headstart Teacher and Teacher-Aide**
- **Childcare Teacher and Teacher-Aide**
- **Teacher-Aide/Bus Driver**
- **Protective Caseworker**
- **Gaming Positions** - Housekeeper, Table Games Dealers, Kitchen Worker

Current postings and complete job descriptions are available online at: www.srmt-nsn.gov



Parents Play Key Role in Keeping Teens Safe During Graduation Time

By Tiffany Leabo

With graduation season approaching, the St. Regis Mohawk Health Services -- Alcohol and Chemical Dependency Prevention Program are taking this opportunity to remind parents to take the time to communicate clear expectations of their student's behavior when confronted with illegal substances.

"Contrary to popular belief, parents remain the greatest influence over their children's behavior," said Richard Gallagher, Ph. D., Director of the Parenting Institute and The Thriving Teens Project at the NYU Child Study Center. "Though media and peers play a role, parental influence is critical and there are ways parents can maximize that influence to reduce the likelihood that their children will engage in binge drinking."

**St. Regis Mohawk Alcohol & Chemical Dependency Prevention Program.
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Dr. Gallagher offers these tips for parents:

Tip 1: Clearly state what actions you expect your teen to take when confronted with substance use. Teens who know what their parents expect from them are much less likely to use substances, including alcohol.

Tip 2: Talk about the alcohol use that your children observe. Parents need to make it clear how they want their children to handle substances, such as alcohol and tobacco. Children need to have controlled exposure to learn the rules of acceptable use.

Tip 3: Help your teen find leisure activities and places for leisure activities that are substance-free. Then, keep track where, with whom, and what your teen is doing after school and during other free times.

Tip 4: Limit the access your children have to substances. Teens use substances that are available. They report that they sneak alcohol from home stocks, take cigarettes from relatives and obtain marijuana from people they know well.

Tip 5: Inform teens about the honest dangers that are associated with alcohol use and abuse, although teens are not highly influenced by such information some discussion of negative consequence has some impact on the decisions they make. Especially emphasize how alcohol clouds ones judgment and makes one more likely to be harmed in other ways.

Tribe Seeks Ways to Manage Swallows

By Les Benedict, Assistant Director, Environment Division

The St. Regis Mohawk Tribe, Environment Division received a complaint regarding a conflict between nesting swallows and the management of the IGA and the Akwesasne Mohawk Casino. It had been reported that nesting birds were being disturbed. The

nesting swallows were causing a nuisance to patrons of the IGA and the casino by swooping above heads in defense of their nests and their young. Additionally, the birds were defecating on walkways and on patrons, which are problems that are a concern to the operations of these facilities.

In response to the complaints, the Environment Division issued a letter instructing that facility managers of the IGA and casino not disturb the nests while allowing the Environment Division to assess the matter. The Environment Division has since visited the sites along with a wildlife biologist and photographed the nesting areas. A site assessment report and the photographs are being reviewed by migratory bird experts with the US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) to determine options for managing the bird while accommodating the needs of these facilities.

Since the swallows are migratory birds and protected by the Federal Migratory Bird Treaty Act, they may not be taken, killed, or possessed; their eggs and nests are also protected. Under some provisions the birds may be taken or killed by permit to manage migratory bird populations or to manage human/wildlife conflicts. A familiar example of this is harvesting of waterfowl through the Federal "Duck Stamp" program that allows hunters to takemigratorywaterfowl

during a hunting season. An extreme example of migratory bird management is the "depredation permit". This permit allows the capture or killing of migratory birds by special permit when human health and safety is of utmost concern. Prevention of bird strikes to aircraft might be a situation where this type of permit would be issued.

For more information you can visit these websites:

- <http://www.fws.gov/migratorybirds/intrnltr/treatlaw.html>
- <http://www.fws.gov/duckstamps/Info/Stamps/stampinfo.htm>
- <http://www.fws.gov/permits/mbpermits/birdbasics.html>

The St. Regis Mohawk Tribe, Environment Division is working with the USFWS to resolve the issues with the swallows and the IGA and Casino facilities. The challenge is to arrive at a balance between protecting the birds and meeting the needs of these facilities. Some options to consider include construction of bird exclusion structures, redesign of building overhangs to discourage nesting and construction of nesting

areas to encourage birds away from problematic areas. For now, the birds and their nests will remain protected. If measures are developed they will have to be implemented

after the brooding season is completed and before the next nesting season begins. Please contact the St. Regis Mohawk Tribe, Environment Division at (518) 358-5937 if you have any questions or concerns.



Tribal Elections 2009

As of Ohiari:ha/June 11, 2009

St. Regis Mohawk Tribe held its annual election on Saturday, Ohiari:ha/June 6, 2009, in the lobby of the Tribal Community Center. Voter turn-out was steady all day as people turned out to vote for a new Tribal Chief to occupy Tribal Chief Barbara Lazore's seat. After serving two terms, Chief Lazore has decided not to run for another term. A Sub-Chief seat was also up for election and incumbent Sub-Chief Stacy Adams was challenged by ten write-in candidates. Incumbent Corleen Jackson-Jacco ran unopposed on the ticket for Tribal Clerk.

Mark Garrow and David Back were both on the ballot for Tribal Chief. A total of 550 votes were cast, with Garrow receiving 358 votes with 29 absentee ballot votes for a total of 387 votes. Back received 118 votes and 14 absentee ballot votes for a total of 132 votes. Various write-in names received a total of 15 votes. Sixteen ballots were void.

For Tribal Sub-Chief, Stacy Adams received 300 votes and 20 absentee votes for a total of 320. The ten write-in candidates received a total of 201 votes. Twenty-four ballots were void and one was spoiled.

Corleen Jacco received 459 votes and 31 absentee votes for Tribal Clerk for a total of 490. Various write-in candidates received 17 votes and 31 ballots were void.

"Although there's always room for improvement, I was very happy to see the level of voter turn-out for Saturday's vote," said Katrina Jacobs, member of the Tribal Election Board. "No doubt that community members had a good level of interest in the candidates and referendum, so they participated in the democratic process."

Voters also decided two referendum issues during the June 6th referendum.

"Should the St. Regis Mohawk Tribe exit the National Grid system and form a Tribal Electrical Utility?"

This issue was approved by a vote of 445 to 102.

Here is a list of many of the important next steps related to moving forward with the purchase of the National Grid Distribution System:

- The Tribe must obtain financing to cover the estimated \$18 million needed for the transaction. The Tribe is exploring options related to this and has obtained a commitment from the Bureau of Indian Affairs that we are eligible for their Guaranteed Loan Program that provides a 90% guarantee for the loan the Tribe will acquire from a commercial lender. The Tribe has a proposal in hand that it is reviewing concerning hiring a third party to assist in obtaining the financing.
- The Tribe will work with National Grid to ensure that they have the approval of the New York State Public Service Commission in allowing our exiting their system. National Grid has to show the Public Service Commission that our exiting will not create an unfair burden on National Grid's remaining customers. It is expected to take three to four months to get the necessary approvals from the PSC.
- The Tribe will establish a Community Board and the Tribal Electrical Utility as a Limited Liability Corporation. Criteria for Board members and



recruitment of them will have to take place.

- Job descriptions, postings, recruitment, and training plans need to be developed and implemented.
- Alternative billing arrangements will have to be made once the Tribe exits the National Grid system.
- Policies and procedures for the operation of the Tribal Electrical Utility need to be developed and put in place.
- Engineering designs will have to be finalized for the physical separation from the National Grid system.
- A new substation will have to be constructed.
- The physical separation will have to take place over a two-year period. National Grid has agreed to continue operating our system until the separation actually occurs.
- Discussions with the New York Power Authority are taking place to acquire an allocation of preference power for the new Tribal Electrical Utility.
- Other alternative power sources will be explored as the Tribe seeks additional savings for its customers.

The Tribe has a lot of help in completing these steps. They have electrical consultants in place already. Other Tribes that already have existing Tribal Electrical Utilities have expressed a willingness to share information with us that should help us get going. We plan to use the Council of Energy Resource Tribes (CERT) for advice. The Department of the Interior's Bureau of Indian Affairs is helping the Tribe as well.

The other issue on the ballot for referendum was the question:

"Do you want tribal land disputes to be decided by the tribal court?"

This issue was approved by a vote of 388 to 151.

Now, the SRMT Legal Department will write the ordinance, provide the opportunity for public input and have it approved by Tribal Council. This process should



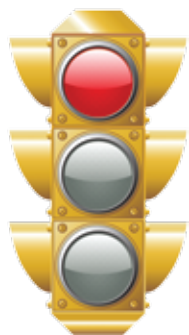
take no more than six months.

The Tribal Election Board certifies the election results after a five-day period, pending any appeals.

The Election Board members include Mark Martin, Christine Horn, Betty Roundpoint and Katrina Jacobs.

The inauguration ceremony will be held on Wednesday, Ohiarikho:wa/July 1, 2009, behind the Tribal Community Building. Community member and media are invited to a celebratory lunch beginning at 11:30. Chief Judge PJ Herne will conduct the swearing-in of Tribal Chief Mark Garrow, Tribal Sub-Chief Stacy Adams and Tribal Clerk Corleen Jacco at 1 pm.

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-Chief Barbara A. Lazore



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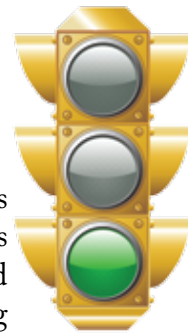
By Jade Gabri

I'm amazed how long it takes to get on Route 37. It's like you kamikaze to get back on the road, risking your life just to pull onto the road with a car coming at you and a 20 foot space between that car and the next. As more people emerge from their houses and begin to enjoy more of the outdoors, the roadways are getting more congested. Others are biking and walking as an alternative on these beautiful days. But there is still the daily 8am, noon and 3-5pm rush with people traveling the roads. When you stop or pull off Route 37 it is always a pain to get back on because the traffic is so congested. Do you know what it is like for a biker or a walker? I do, I biked to work one day. Vehicles zoomed past, with no end in sight and emitting fumes that are harmful to our environment and health. So how can we reduce these harmful emissions and congestion to better our environment in this fast-paced time of climate change?

Carpooling! One of the many ways to reduce emissions. Carpooling is defined as two or more individuals traveling in a vehicle. Carpooling is a positive step to bettering the environment for our future generations. The more vehicles on our roadways, the greater amount of smog produced. Gas powered vehicles emit carbon dioxide, volatile organic compounds and nitrogen oxides. These all contribute to smog, a kind of air pollution that is acted on by sunlight to form secondary pollutants like ground level ozone. Ground level ozone, nitrogen oxides and carbon monoxide are especially harmful to our elderly, our children and to anyone who is troubled with heart or lung conditions.

Carpooling has many benefits. It saves money on gas because costs are split between the individuals commuting together and makes for less wear on your

Start Carpooling!



personal vehicle because it is used less often to commute. Less gasoline is used which equals an overall reduced reliance on foreign fuel. Carpooling is also reliable in that every aspect of the carpool is planned out and people have a reduced stress level as well as a guaranteed ride home. There is also a financial benefit to carpooling. Some insurance companies offer car insurance reductions, usually 10-20% if an individual carpools. Inform your insurance company that you carpool and you may receive a reduction if your company offers it.

Carpooling also benefits the community. When individuals incorporate carpooling into their daily routines, traffic congestion will be reduced because of fewer vehicles on the road. This allows you to get on to Route 37 safely, without risking your life. Within the community there will also be reduced fuel used which will make for cleaner air in the community in general.

Carpooling has many benefits and the only difficult part is organizing it. People have to pick up others who are on their route and are able to join the carpool. Additionally, a meeting place and a time have to be set up. Communication and carpooling go hand in hand, if one is lacking then it is most likely not going to work out. Overall the benefits of carpooling out weight the hassles of organizing. So stay positive and start a carpool today.

With the Mobile Source Outreach Grant, the Air Quality Program of the SRMT Environment Division looks to inform the community on how to reduce emissions of environmental contaminants for better decision-making for themselves, their family and the next seven generations.



Owera' shon: a (The Winds)

The idea of this column is to promote clean air practices in each of our homes, in our personal behaviors throughout each day, in line with our Mohawk cultural value system. In no way is this column meant to be an indictment of anything that you choose to do. Instead, this is in place as a simple thought-provoking tool, to reveal some good ideas and some interesting notions. Please present any comments, complaints, or questions to Angela Benedict-Dunn, Air Quality Manager or Ken Jock, Environment Division Director. We welcome your thoughts and opinions.

Police Academy Graduates

St. Regis Mohawk Tribal Police Welcome New Graduates



Right: Linda and Charlie Jacobs congratulate granddaughter Kristen L. Jacobs.

The 2009 David Sullivan-St. Lawrence County Law Enforcement Academy held their Commencement ceremony on Onerahtohko:wa/May 14, 2009 at SUNY Canton. Three St. Regis Mohawk Tribal Police Officers, Kristen L. Jacobs, DeCota D. Thompson and Michael A. Benedict graduated with 16 weeks of classroom followed by 160 hours of on-the-job-training, which is currently being done.

Guests, which included members of the Police Commission and Tribal Council and family were invited to attend a buffet dinner after the ceremony.



Above: Graduate DeCota Thompson and proud mom, Kim Loran. She'll never get a ticket!



Left: The Benedict family celebrates with Michael: his wife, Anastasia and sons, parents, Leona and Michael Sr., and grandmother Margie Beaubien, sister and niece enjoy the ceremony.

Pesky Black Flies Stage Comeback



*By Les Benedict,
Assistant Director, SRMT Environment Division*



The St. Regis Mohawk Tribe became aware of community concerns for black flies, particularly in the Frogtown area. The Tribe has investigated the matter and issues the following response to community members.

The black fly is usually small, black or gray with short legs. They are a common nuisance and the females bite, seeking blood for nourishment. Black fly bites can cause itching and swelling. A black fly is a small “gnat like” insect that breeds in moving water in contrast to mosquitoes, which breed in stagnant water.

The Environment Division has consulted with a black fly control company and has determined that in order to effectively control black flies, an initial assessment is required. The assessment includes identifying the rivers and streams where black flies are breeding. Treating local streams may not be effective because black flies will fly several miles.

Wide-area black fly control is routinely done using a naturally occurring bacterium, *Bacillus thuringiensis israelensis* (BTi) which is specifically used for mosquitoes and black flies. It is applied to bodies of water by hand, sprayer or aurally. Application of BTi is regulated by Federal and State agencies and can only be applied by a certified professional.

Because the black flies have already hatched it may be too late to implement effective controls for this year. Therefore, the Environment Division will be working toward solutions that can be implemented next year.



In the meantime, community members can take some measures to lessen any problems they are experiencing with black flies. Black flies are most active at dawn, and dusk. Wear white or brightly colored clothing as dark colors are more attractive to the flies. Cover up bare skin with shoes, socks, long sleeve shirts, long pants

and hats. Head nets are also available. You can use an insect repellent containing DEET (N, N-diethyl-m-toluamide). Name brands such as Deep Woods Sportsmen Off© and Backwoods Cutter contain DEET in recommended concentrations to repel black flies. If you are disposed to using naturally based personal care products there are several plant based repellents on the market such as Badger Balm, Repel Lemon Eucalyptus Repellent, Sport Bite Blocker and many others.

The Environment Division appreciates the community's comments and suggestions regarding black fly control. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Environment Division at (518) 358-5937.

Recycling Depot: *Keep it Clean* Campaign

By Laura J. Weber, Solid Waste Manager

The birthing of the *Keep it Clean* campaign came as the Tribe's solid waste program evaluated ways to improve the cleanliness of the recycling depot. The goal of the campaign is to keep the area clean and continue providing a free recycling drop-off area for the community to use.

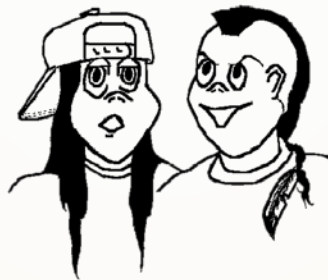
The recycling depot has been in existence since 2002 and four bins are there for the community to deposit their recyclables. The bins were originally placed for the Tribe's blue bag customers, but more and more people are using them, and in some cases abusing them. There is a constant problem of people using the area for garbage disposal.

We check the area daily and routinely find garbage that has been left outside the containers, or people have placed garbage inside the containers, which contaminates the recyclables and then they have to be disposed as garbage.

Bags of garbage found left at the depot are inspected and personal information found on mailing labels are pulled out. An incident report is completed and submitted to the Tribe's Environmental Compliance Officer, Jessica Cree-Alvarez. Jessica contacts the violators and discusses the issue with them. However, this doesn't seem to deter people from abusing the free service and more drastic measures are being considered. "I would like to remind community

FOLLOW THESE STEPS TO PROPERLY USE THE DEPOT

- 1. Combine glass, plastics, tin, and aluminum. Keep these materials separate from mixed paper.**
- 2. Combine mixed paper and keep separate from glass, plastic, tin, and aluminum.**
- 3. Follow instructions located on the containers at the recycling depot and place your materials in the designated containers.**



**DEPOT IS NOT FOR
DISPOSAL OF GARBAGE**

**CALL SRMT
ENVIRONMENT
DIVISION IF YOU
OBSERVE SOMEONE
DUMPING GARBAGE**

518-358-5937

members the recycling depot is a free public service provided by the St. Regis Mohawk Tribe's Solid Waste Program and continued abuse of the facility may result in the development of an enforcement entity to deter these practices" says Jessica Cree-Alvarez.

We understand that sometimes the containers are full and it is impossible to place your recyclables in the containers. In these situations, people are allowed to leave their recyclables outside the containers. The recyclables are placed in the truck when the containers are emptied. No enforcement actions are taken when bags of recyclables are found left outside the containers. Nevertheless, we ask people to place recyclables in the containers if they are not full.

We have set up a regular schedule for emptying the containers in an effort to prevent the containers becoming full. The program is now able to empty all four containers together since they began using single-stream recycling processing at the transfer station in Onerahtohko:wa/May. Currently, the containers are emptied on Monday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.

We are striving to improve the conditions at the recycling depot. We are hoping that the *Keep it Clean* campaign will help us to achieve this.

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Respect!

Showing in July: Maria Tallchief



Mountain Lake PBS
Native American series on
Ohiarihko:wa/July 19th
at 1:00 p.m.

An untold story of the life and artistry of Maria Tallchief, who rose from an Indian community in Oklahoma to become America's first prima ballerina. Her partnership with the choreographer George Balanchine helped create the New York City Ballet in 1948, and changed the course of ballet in America.

The program weaves together Ms. Tallchief's Osage Indian heritage with her incredible and rare dance footage. A staff member at the NY City Ballet viewed the film and said: "Her elegance and presence...I have yet to see a dancer match hers."

Produced and written by Sandy Osawa (Makah Tribe) and Yasu Osawa of Upstream Productions. For more information about this film contact:

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